

Enantioselective Organocatalytic Cyclopropanations. The
Identification of a New Class of Iminium Catalyst Based Upon
Directed Electrostatic Activation

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Supporting Information

General Information. All solvents were purified according to the method of Grubbs.¹ Organic solutions were concentrated under reduced pressure on a Büchi rotary evaporator. Chloroform was purchased from Aldrich and used without purification. Chromatographic purification of products was accomplished using forced-flow chromatography on ICN 60 32-64 mesh silica gel according to the method of Still.² Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed on EM Reagents 0.25 mm silica gel 60-F plates. Visualization of the developed chromatogram was performed by fluorescence quenching, anisaldehyde, ceric ammonium molybdate, or KMnO₄ stain.

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Mercury 300 (300 MHz and 75 MHz respectively) as noted, and are internally referenced to residual protio solvent signals. Data for ¹H are reported as follows: chemical shift (□ ppm), multiplicity (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet), integration, coupling constant (Hz) and assignment. Data for ¹³C NMR are reported in terms of chemical shift. IR spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Paragon 1000 spectrometer and are reported in terms of frequency of absorption (cm⁻¹). Mass spectra were obtained from the California Institute of Technology Mass Spectral facility. Gas liquid chromatography (GLC) was performed on Hewlett-Packard 6850 Series gas chromatography equipped with a split-mode capillary injection system and flame ionization detectors using Bodman Chiraldex □-TA, □-DM, and □-BP (30 m x 0.25 mm) columns. High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was performed on a Hewlett-Packard 1100 Series chromatographs using a Chiracel AD column (25 cm) and AD guard (5 cm) as noted.

General Procedure: A 50 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a magnetic stir bar was charged with aldehyde (0.5 mmol) and chloroform (21 mL), then cooled to -10°C and allowed to stir for 20 min before adding (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (4.2 mg, 0.026 mmol) and 2-(dimethyl- λ^4 -sulfanylidene)-1-phenyl-ethanone³ (23 mg, 0.127 mmol). The homogeneous solution was stirred at a constant temperature for 24 - 48 hours until complete consumption of the starting material was observed. The cold reaction mixture was then eluted with Et_2O through a short silica gel plug and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting yellow residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (solvents noted) to provide the title compounds.

(1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-2-Benzoyl-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 1): Prepared according to the general procedure from hexenal (59 μL , 0.50 mmol) to provide the title compound as a light yellow oil (23 mg, 85% yield, 95% ee, 30:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (17% Et_2O / hexanes). IR (film) 2960, 2930, 2872, 1702, 1669, 1597, 1580, 1449, 1363, 1224, 1176, 1120, 1078, 1019, 992, 699 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.35 (d, 1H, $J = 6.8$ Hz, CHO), 7.97-7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.57 (t, 1H, $J = 7.3$ Hz, ArH), 7.46 (t, 2H, $J = 7.8$ Hz, ArH), 3.0 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.9, 8.3$ Hz, CHCOPh), 2.51- 2.48 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 2.11 (dt, 1H, $J = 5.8, 5.8, 8.3$ Hz, CHCHO), 1.6-1.44 (m, 4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 0.94 (m, 3H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.1, 196.0, 136.9, 133.4, 128.6, 128.2, 40.1, 34.6, 33.9, 29.1, 21.9, 13.5; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for $(\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2)$ requires m/z 216.1150, found m/z 216.1153. $[\alpha]_{\text{D}}^{25} = -16.63$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratios were determined by GLC using a Bodman Chiraldex λ -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (135°C isotherm for 90 min ramp to 155°C isotherm for 18 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_{\text{r}} = 101.9$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_{\text{r}} = 104.7$ min; *minor* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_{\text{r}} = 79.4$ min.

(1*R*, 2*R*, 3*S*)-2-Allyloxymethyl-3-benzoyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 2): Prepared according to the general procedure from (*E*)-4-Allyloxy-but-2-enal⁴ (64 mg, 0.50 mmol) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil (24 mg, 77% yield, 91% ee, 21:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (25% Et_2O / hexanes). IR (film) 3065, 2859, 1705, 1672, 1597, 1580, 1450, 1389, 1352, 1225, 1114, 1086, 990, 930, 746, 704

cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.38 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CHO), 8.03-7.99 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.62-7.57 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51-7.46 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.93-5.82 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 5.27 (app. dq, 1H, $J = 1.7, 1.7, 17.3$ Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{trans}}$), 5.21 (app. dq, 1H, $J = 1.4, 1.4, 11.6$ Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_{\text{cis}}$), 4.03-3.99 (m, 2H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$), 3.72 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.5, 10.5$ Hz, CH_2OCH_a), 3.58 (dd, 1H, $J = 5.3, 10.4$ Hz, CH_2OCH_b), 3.26 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.3, 8.8$ Hz, CHCOPh), 2.78 (m, 1H, $\text{CHCH}_2\text{OCH}_2$), 2.33 (ddd, 1H, $J = 6.3, 6.3, 8.8$ Hz, CHCHO); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 198.8, 195.6, 136.8, 134.1, 133.6, 128.7, 128.4, 117.4, 71.8, 68.5, 36.5, 31.8, 27.7; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$) requires m/z [M-H] 243.1021, found m/z 243.1006. $[\alpha]_D = -8.67$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman Chiraldex β -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (157 °C isotherm for 120 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 103.0$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 108.6$ min; *minor* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 70.4$ min.

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Benzoyl-3-methyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 3): Prepared according to the general procedure from crotonaldehyde (44 μL , 0.52 mmol) at +4 °C to provide the title compound as a light yellow oil (16 mg, 67% yield, 90% ee, >19:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (20% Et_2O /hexanes). IR (film) 3062, 2965, 2932, 2869, 1702, 1670, 1597, 1580, 1449, 1426, 1384, 1354, 1269, 1227, 1170, 1116, 1076, 1050, 1019, 988, 953, 743, 696 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.34 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CHO), 7.98- 7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.61- 7.57 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.50- 7.46 (m, 2H, ArH), 2.99 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.0, 8.5$ Hz, CHCOPh), 2.52 (ddq, 1H, $J = 6.1, 6.1, 12.1$ Hz, CHCH_3), 2.1 (ddd, 1H, $J = 6.4, 6.4, 8.8$ Hz, CHCHO), 1.35 (d, 3H, $J = 6.0$ Hz, CH_3); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.4, 196.1, 136.9, 133.5, 128.7, 128.2, 41.1, 39.6, 35.8, 23.7, 16.9; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$) requires m/z 188.0837, found m/z 188.0835. $[\alpha]_D = -5.78$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The enantiomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman Chiraldex β -TA (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (160 °C isotherm for 60 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 37.8$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 39.2$ min. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ^1H -NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Benzoyl-3-hex-5-enyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 4): Prepared according to the general procedure from (*E*)-Nona-2,8-dienal⁵ (157 mg, 0.41 mmol) in CHCl₃ (23 mL) at -10 °C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (4.5 mg, 0.027 mmol) and 2-(dimethyl- \square^4 -sulfanylidene)-1-phenyl-ethanone (25 mg, 0.139 mmol) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil (26 mg, 74% yield, 96% ee, 24:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (17% Et₂O/hexanes). IR (film) 3073, 2928, 2856, 1702, 1670, 1597, 1580, 1449, 1359, 1226, 1176, 1120, 993, 911, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) \square 9.35 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHO), 7.99-7.97 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64-7.58 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.51-7.47 (m, 2H, ArH), 5.77 (app. dt, 1H, *J* = 6.6, 6.6, 10.2, 16.8 Hz, CH=CH₂), 5.0-4.92 (m, 2H, CH=CH₂), 3.02 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 8.5 Hz, CHCOPh), 2.52 (ddt, 1H, *J* = 6.4, 6.4, 12.4 Hz, CH(CH₂)₄CH=CH₂), 2.16- 2.02 (m, 3H), 1.64-1.39 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) \square 199.3, 196.0, 138.4, 136.9, 133.5, 128.7, 128.3, 114.7, 40.2, 34.7, 33.4, 31.9, 29.3, 28.3, 28.1; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for (C₁₇H₂₀O₂) requires *m/z* 256.1463, found *m/z* 256.1482. $[\alpha]_D = -19.47$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX \square -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (160 °C isotherm for 145 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer *t_r* = 127.6 min and *minor* enantiomer *t_r* = 131.3 min; *minor* diastereomer: major enantiomer *t_r* = 89.5 min.

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Benzoyl-3-phenyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 5): Prepared according to the general procedure from cinnamaldehyde (87 \square L, 0.69 mmol) in CHCl₃ (42 mL) at -10 °C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (8.2 mg, 0.05 mmol) and 2-(dimethyl- \square^4 -sulfanylidene)-1-phenyl-ethanone (45 mg, 0.25 mmol) to provide the title compound as a yellow oil (46 mg, 73% yield, 89% ee, 33:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (20% Et₂O/hexanes). IR (film) 3061, 3032, 2861, 1702, 1673, 1596, 1580, 1499, 1426, 1393, 1354, 1263, 1226, 1172, 1128, 1019, 996, 744, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) \square 9.59 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.3 Hz, CHO), 8.01-7.98 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.61-7.21 (m, 8H, ArH), 3.60 (t, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 6.0 Hz, CHPh), 3.49 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.3, 9.1 Hz, CHCOPh), 2.68 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.3, 6.3, 9.1 Hz, CHCHO); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) \square 198.0, 195.1, 136.8, 136.6, 133.7, 128.8, 128.7, 128.4, 127.5, 126.5, 40.8, 36.8, 32.4; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for (C₁₇H₁₄O₂) requires *m/z* 250.0994, found *m/z*

250.0998. $[\alpha]_D = -165.7$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX β -CD butyrl (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (175 °C isotherm for 110 min, 1 mL/min); major diastereomer $t_r = 81.5$ min and minor diastereomer $t_r = 60.3$ min. The enantiomeric ratio was determined by HPLC analysis of the alcohol, obtained by NaBH_4 reduction of the aldehyde, using a Chiracel AD and AD guard column (8% ethanol/hexanes, 1 mL/min); major enantiomer $t_r = 74.11$ min and minor enantiomer $t_r = 27.6$ min.

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-Benzoyl-3-isobutyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 6): Prepared according to the general procedure from (*E*)-5-Methyl-hex-2-enal⁶ (22 mg, 0.20 mmol) in CHCl_3 (33 mL) at -10 °C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (6.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and 2-(dimethyl- β -sulfanylidene)-1-phenyl-ethanone (36 mg, 0.2 mmol) to provide the title compound as a light yellow oil (29 mg, 63% yield, 96% ee, 43:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (14% Et_2O /hexanes). IR (film) 2957, 2870, 1703, 1670, 1597, 1580, 1450, 1386, 1366, 1224, 1174, 1019, 996, 705 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.35 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CHO), 7.99-7.96 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.63-7.56 (m, 1H, ArH), 7.52-7.45 (m, 2H, ArH), 3.0 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.0, 8.5$ Hz, CHCOPh), 2.53 (ddt, 1H, $J = 6.0, 6.0, 12.9$ Hz, $\text{CHCH}_2\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 2.10 (app dt, 1H, $J = 6.3, 6.3, 8.5$ Hz, CHCHO), 1.77 (tq, 1H, $J = 6.6, 13.1$ Hz, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.48-1.37 (m, 2H), 0.95 (d, 6H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 199.3, 196.1, 136.9, 133.5, 128.7, 128.2, 41.1, 40.3, 34.7, 28.3, 27.8, 22.3; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for $(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_2)$ requires m/z 230.1307, found m/z 230.1286. $[\alpha]_D = -31.41$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX β -BP (25 m x 0.25 mm) column (155 °C isotherm for 65 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 44.6$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 46.0$ min; *minor* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 30.2$ min.

(1R, 2S, 3R)-2-(4-Bromo-benzoyl)-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 7): Prepared according to the general procedure from hexenal (80 μL , 0.69 mmol) in CHCl_3 (28 mL) at -10 °C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (5.5 mg, 0.034 mmol) and 1-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-2-(dimethyl- β -sulfanylidene)-ethanone³ (45

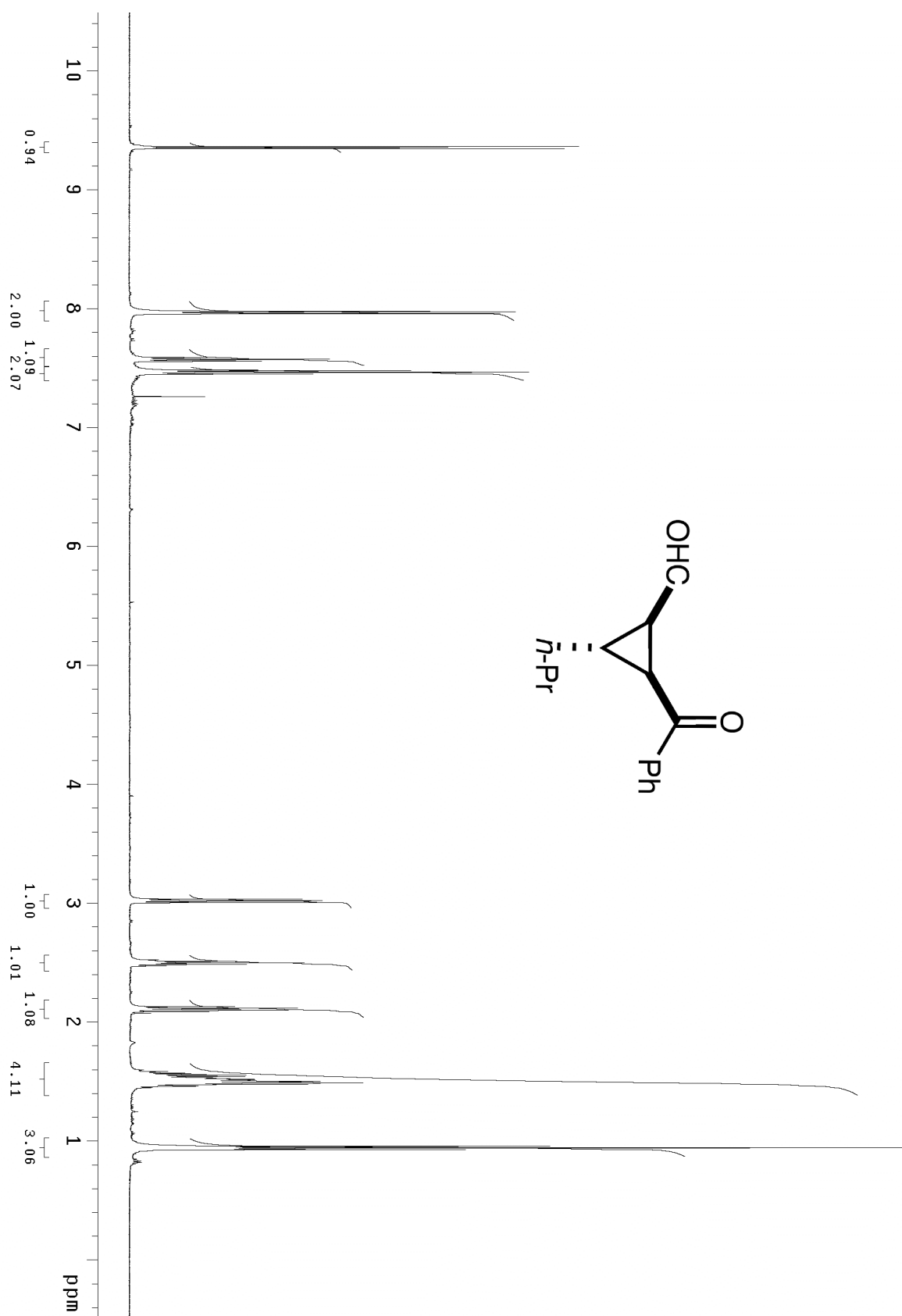
mg, 0.17 mmol) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil (34 mg, 67% yield, 92% ee, 72:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (25% Et₂O/hexanes). IR (film) 2960, 2929, 2872, 1702, 1670, 1585, 1484, 1437, 1400, 1362, 1235, 1221, 1174, 1121, 1070, 1025, 1008, 993, 844, 783 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.34 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHO), 7.85-7.82 (m, 2H, ArH), 7.64-7.61 (m, 2H, ArH), 2.95 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.0, 8.6 Hz, CHCOPh), 2.54-2.46 (m, 1H, CH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.12 (ddd, 1H, *J* = 6.4, 6.4, 8.6 Hz, CHCHO), 1.60-1.42 (m, 4H, (CH₂)₂CH₃), 0.99-0.92 (m, 3H, (CH₂)₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 198.9, 195.1, 135.6, 132.0, 129.7, 128.7, 40.1, 34.5, 33.9, 29.3, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for (C₁₄H₁₅BrO₂) requires *m/z* 294.0255, found *m/z* 294.0291. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -21.27$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX β -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (165 °C isotherm for 110 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer *t_r* = 101.4 min and *minor* enantiomer *t_r* = 104.5 min; *minor* diastereomer: major enantiomer *t_r* = 76.2 min.

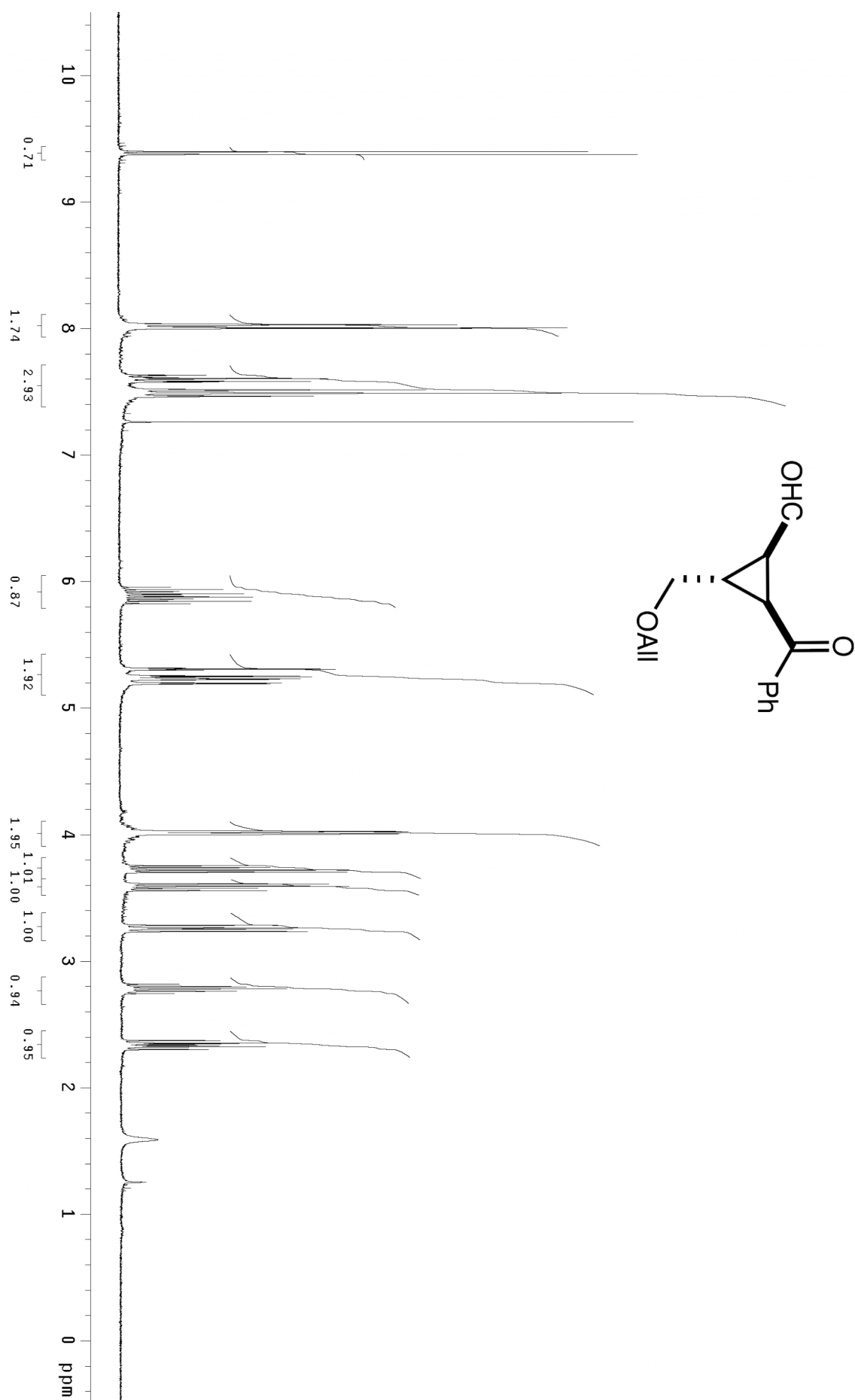
(1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-2-(4-Methoxy-benzoyl)-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde (Table 1, entry 8): Prepared according to the general procedure from hexenal (80 μ L, 0.69 mmol) in CHCl₃ (30 mL) at -10 °C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (5.5 mg, 0.034 mmol) and 2-(Dimethyl- β -sulfanylidene)-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-ethanone⁷ (38 mg, 0.18 mmol) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil (28 mg, 64% yield, 93% ee, 11:1 d.r.) after gradient silica gel chromatography (20 to 50% Et₂O/hexanes). IR (film) 2960, 2932, 2872, 2764, 1702, 1660, 1600, 1575, 1463, 1437, 1363, 1310, 1262, 1239, 1169, 1116, 1025, 992, 846, 795 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.33 (d, 1H, *J* = 6.6 Hz, CHO), 7.96 (d, 2H, *J* = 9.1 Hz, ArH), 6.95 (d, 2H, *J* = 8.8 Hz, ArH), 3.88 (s, 3H, OCH₃), 2.98 (dd, 1H, *J* = 6.1, 8.6 Hz, CHCOPh), 2.54-2.46 (m, 1H, CH(CH₂)₂CH₃), 2.07 (app dt, 1H, *J* = 6.3, 6.3, 8.3 Hz, CHCHO), 1.60-1.46 (m, 4H, (CH₂)₂CH₃), 0.99-0.92 (m, 3H, (CH₂)₂CH₃); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 199.6, 194.3, 163.8, 130.6, 130.0, 113.9, 55.5, 39.9, 34.4, 34.1, 28.8, 22.0, 13.7; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for (C₁₅H₁₈O₃) requires *m/z* 246.1256, found *m/z* 246.1257. $[\alpha]_D^{25} = -26.42$ (*c* = 1.0, CHCl₃). The enantiomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX β -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (165 °C isotherm for 110 min, 1 mL/min); *Major*

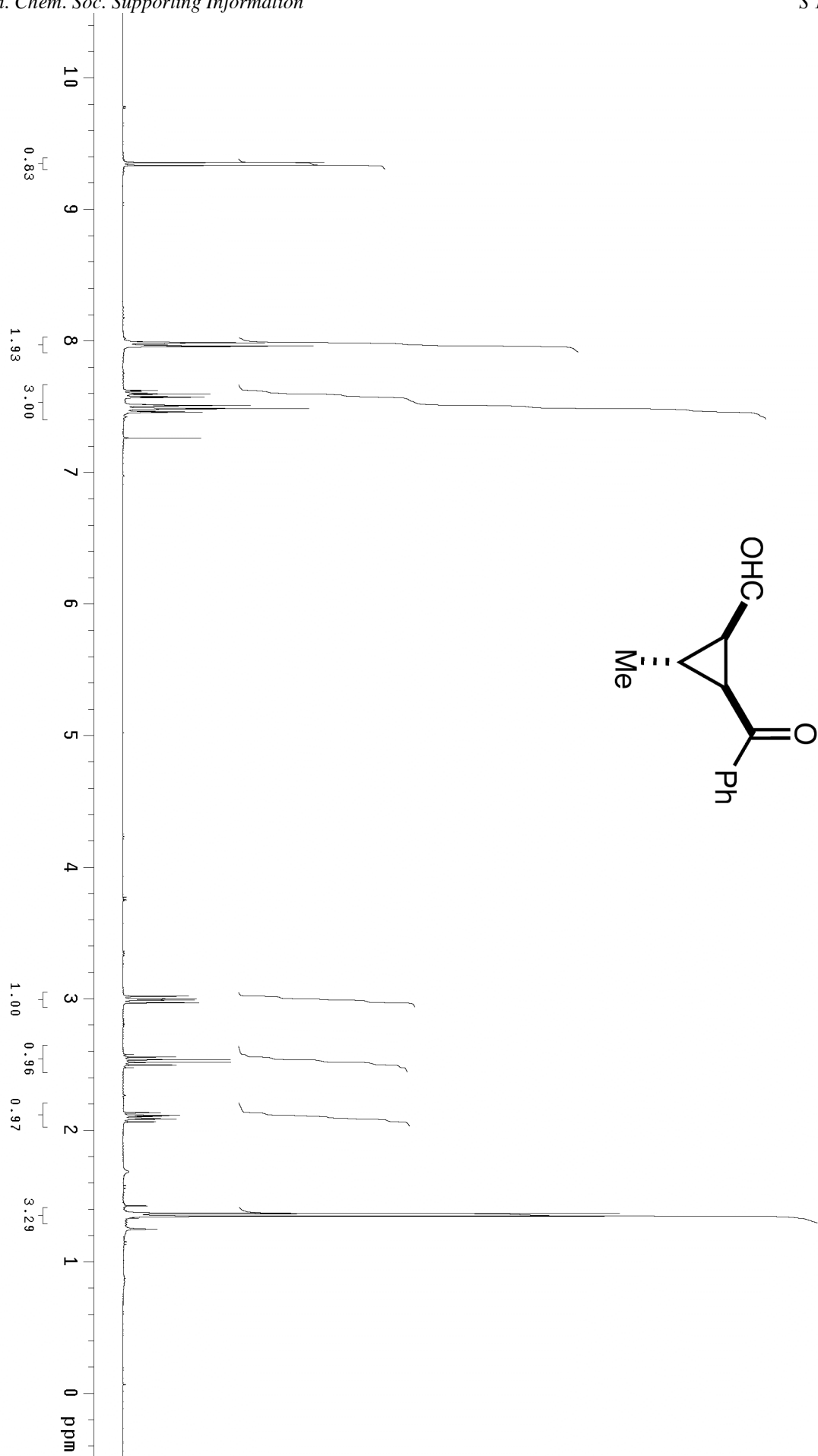
diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 106.5$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 108.2$ min. The diastereomeric ratio was determined by ^1H -NMR analysis of the crude reaction mixture.

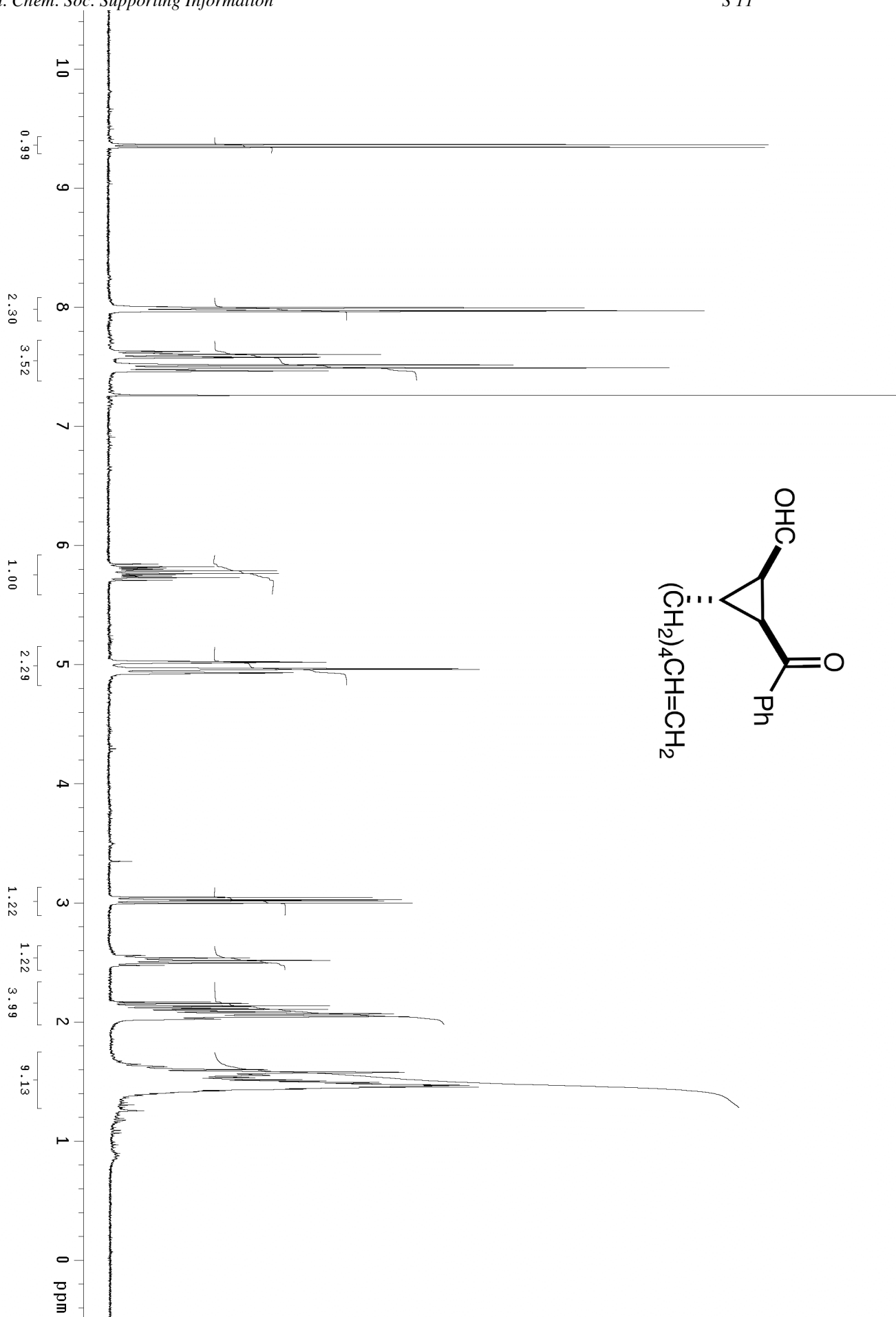
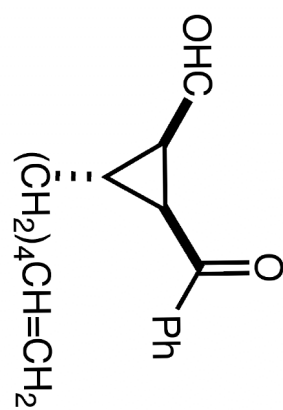
(1*R*, 2*S*, 3*R*)-2-(2,2-Dimethyl-propionyl)-3-propyl-cyclopropanecarbaldehyde
(Table 1, entry 9): Prepared according to the general procedure from hexenal (93 μL , 0.80 mmol) in CHCl_3 (33 mL) at -10°C using (*S*)-(-)-indoline-2-carboxylic acid (6.5 mg, 0.04 mmol) and 1-(Dimethyl- C^4 -sulfanylidene)-3,3-dimethyl-butan-2-one⁸ (32 mg, 0.20 mmol) to provide the title compound as a colorless oil (32 mg, 82% yield, 95% ee, 6:1 d.r.) after silica gel chromatography (20 % Et_2O /hexanes). IR (film) 2964, 2932, 2873, 1703, 1478, 1465, 1367, 1194, 1171, 1125, 1084, 1049, 1032, 998, 940, 901 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.30 (d, 1H, $J = 6.6$ Hz, CHO), 2.52 (dd, 1H, $J = 6.0, 8.6$ Hz, CHCOPh), 2.31-2.21 (m, 1H, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.90 (ddd, 1H, $J = 6.3, 6.3, 8.6$ Hz, CHCHO), 1.50-1.40 (m, 4H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$), 1.2 (s, 9H), 0.99-0.88 (m, 3H, $(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{CH}_3$); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 211.7, 199.9, 44.4, 39.9, 34.0, 33.5, 29.3, 26.1, 21.9, 13.6; HRMS (EI) exact mass calculated for $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2)$ requires m/z 196.1463, found m/z 196.1453. $[\alpha]_D = -29.79$ ($c = 1.0$, CHCl_3). The enantio- and diastereomeric ratio was determined by GLC using a Bodman Chiraldex β -DM (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (110 $^\circ\text{C}$ isotherm for 60 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* diastereomer: major enantiomer $t_r = 28.9$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 33.6$ min; *minor* diastereomer A: major enantiomer $t_r = 19.9$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 19.4$ min; *minor* diastereomer B: major enantiomer $t_r = 52.7$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_r = 48.0$ min.

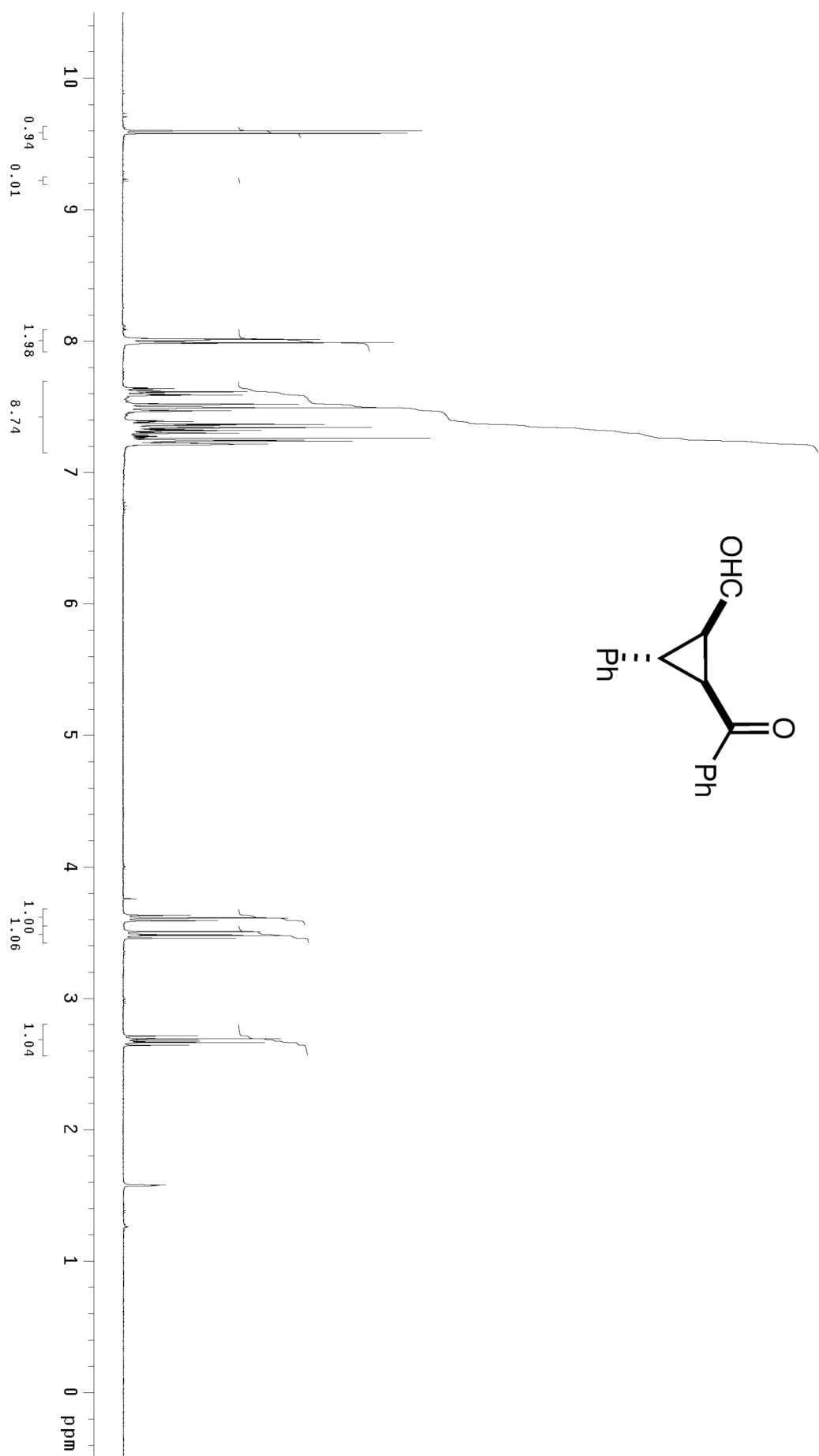
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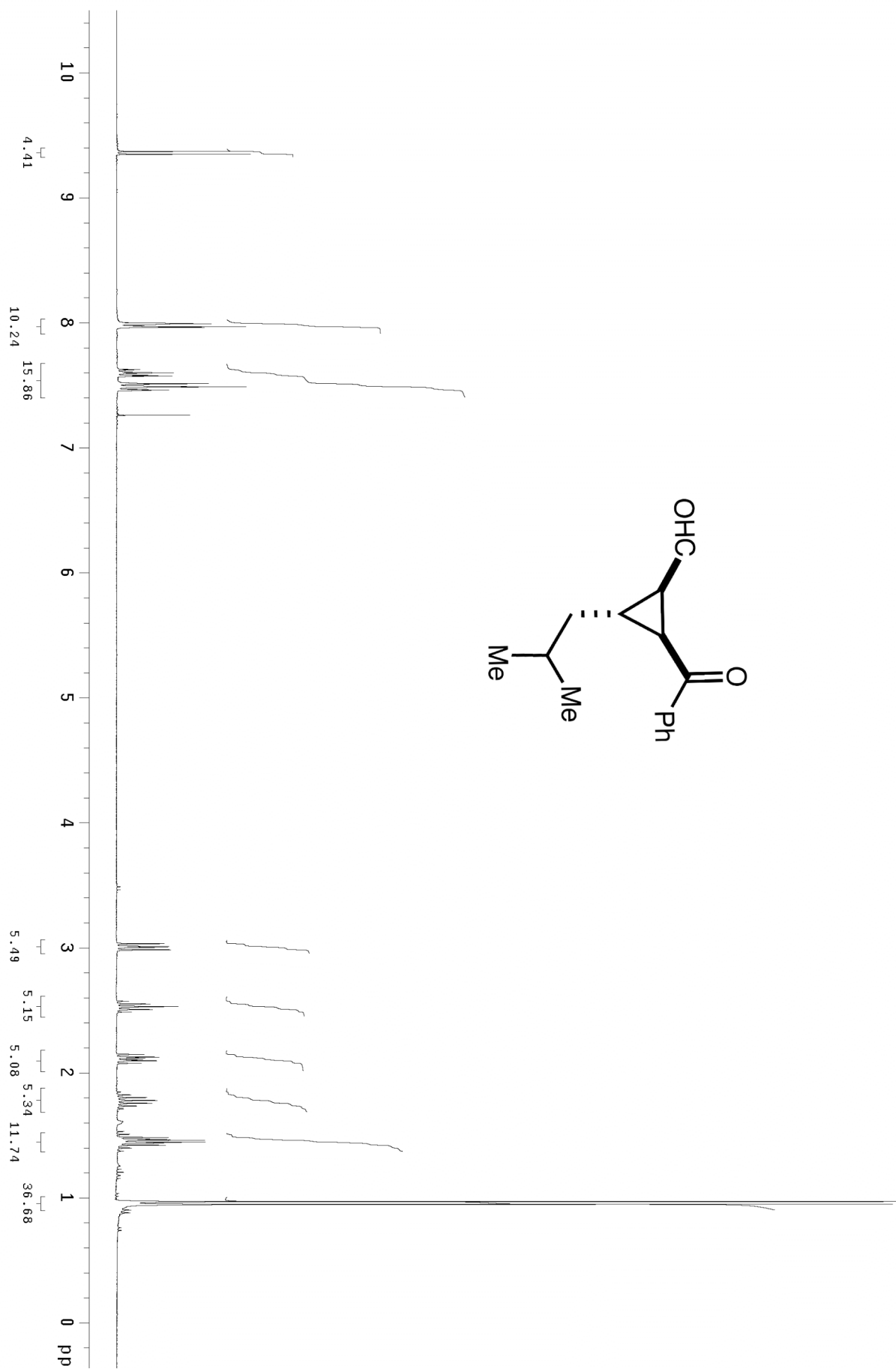


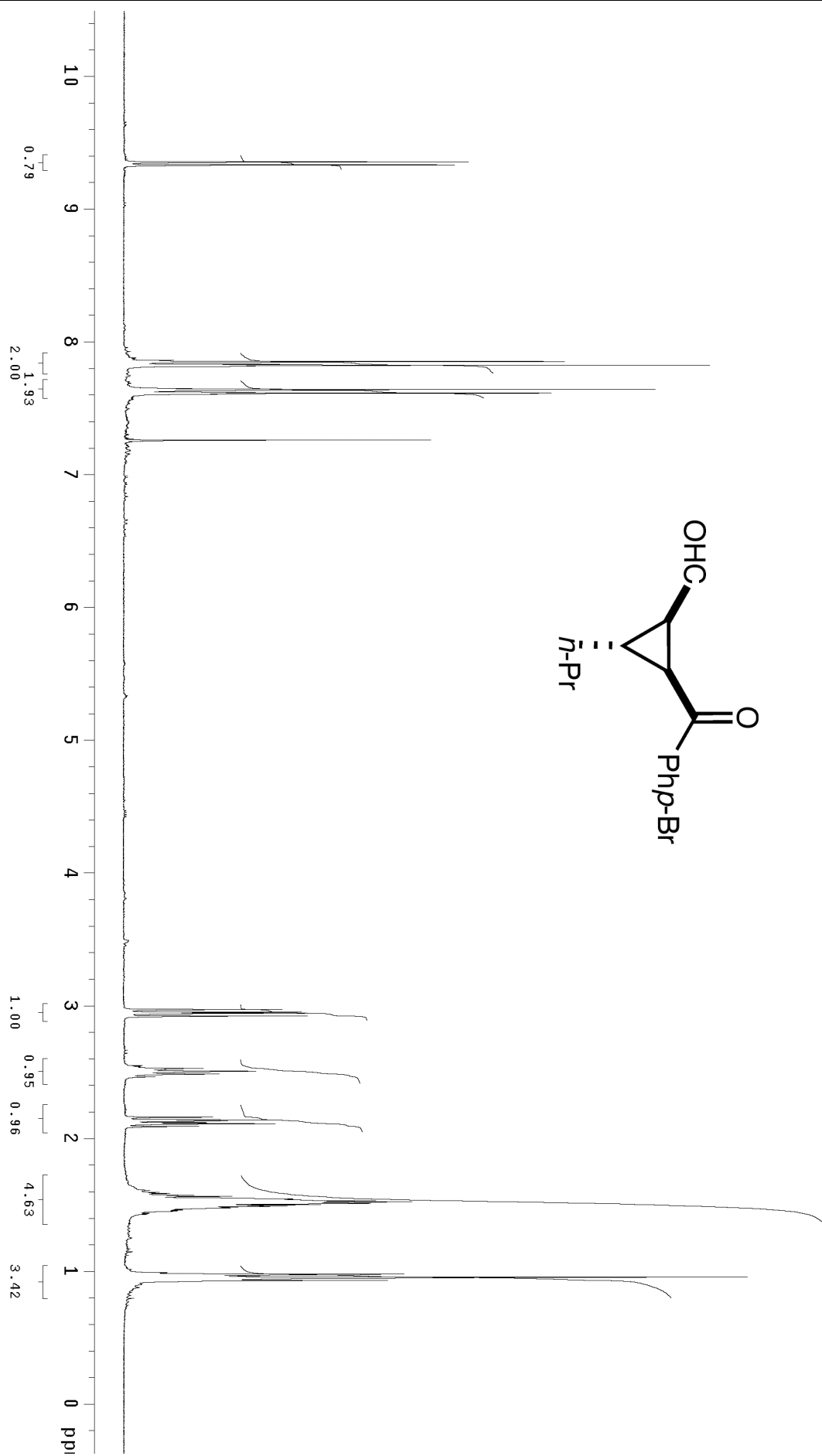


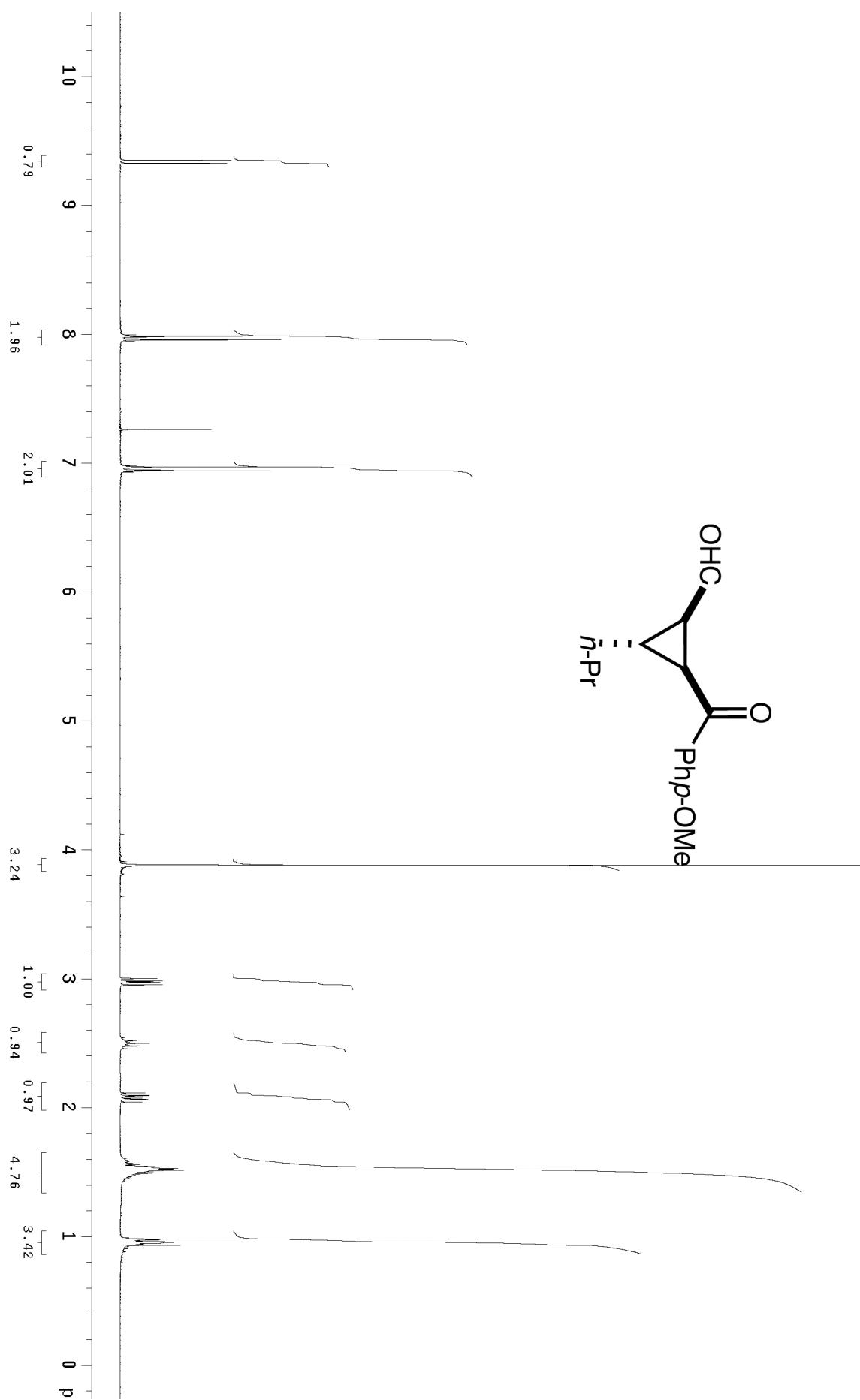


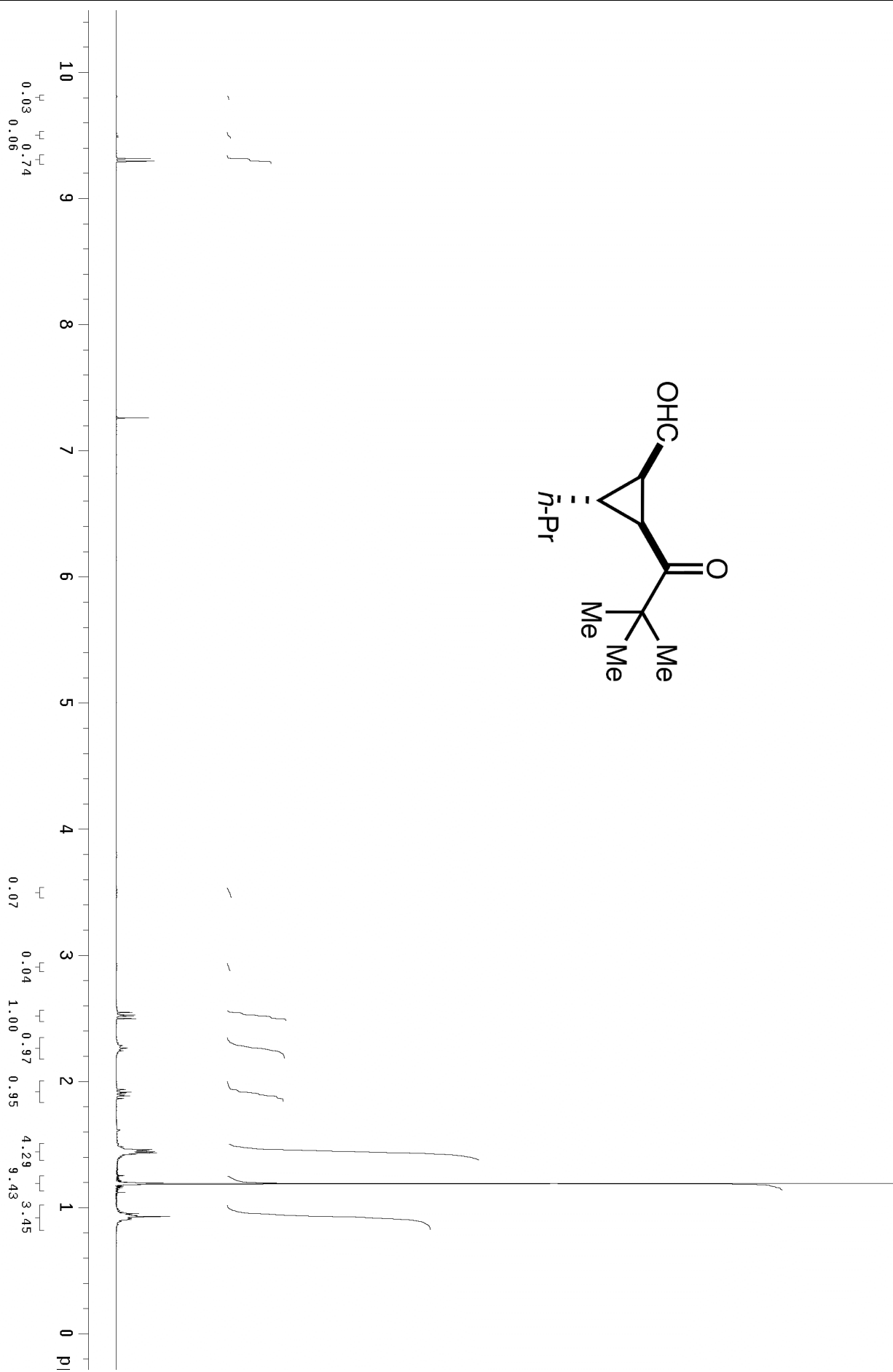






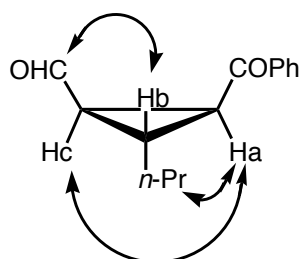






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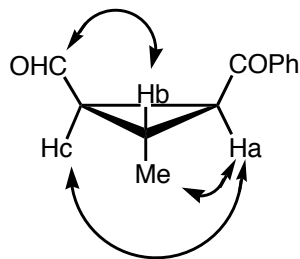
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$$J_{\text{Hc}} = 5.8, 8.3 \text{ Hz}$$

Table 1, entry 3

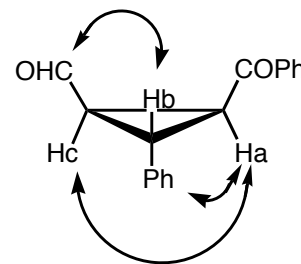


$$J_{\text{Ha}} = 6.0, 8.5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$J_{\text{Hb}} = 6.1, 12.1 \text{ Hz}$$

$$J_{\text{Hc}} = 6.4, 8.8 \text{ Hz}$$

Table 1, entry 5



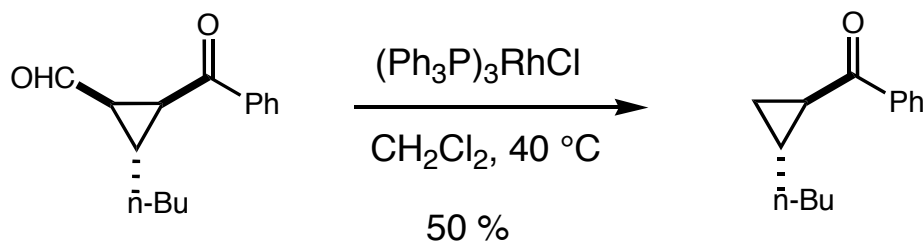
$$J_{\text{Ha}} = 6.3, 9.1 \text{ Hz}$$

$$J_{\text{Hb}} = 6.0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$J_{\text{Hc}} = 6.3, 9.1 \text{ Hz}$$

arrow = positive NOE

(1*R*, 2*R*)-2-(Butyl-cyclopropyl)-phenyl methanone: Prepared according to the general cyclopropanation procedure from heptenal in 91% ee, subsequent deformylation using Wilkinson's catalyst gave the disubstituted cyclopropane which was identical in all respects to the literature compound⁹ $[\alpha]_{\text{D}} = -61.6$ ($c = 0.90$, CHCl_3). The enantiomeric ratio of the aldehyde was determined by GLC using a Bodman ChiralDEX β -BP (30 m x 0.25 mm) column (150 °C isotherm for 70 min, 1 mL/min); *Major* enantiomer $t_{\text{r}} = 63.6$ min and *minor* enantiomer $t_{\text{r}} = 65.4$ min.



$$\text{rotation} = -61.6$$

$$(c = 0.9)$$

$$\text{lit. rotation} = -40.5$$

$$(c = 0.88), 92\% \text{ ee}$$

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